MEMO

DATE:

July 20, 1988

FROM:

Bruce Robeck Sweet

RE:

Telephone advice

Caller: Tom Hiltachk, for John Hodgson, from Nielsen, Merksamer

On Behalf of: unknown client

Facts: After reviewing advice letters regarding campaign disclosure reportability of litigation costs, it was stated that the client had agreed to make an at the behest payment of litigation expenses for a reporting committee. Litigation expenses had not been billed but probably were greater than \$10,000 by June 30, 1988.

- Q: Did the client qualify as a major donor even though no payment had been made and no bill had been presented?
- A: Yes. In-kind services as a contribution would be an expenditure at the behest of the affected committee when the services were provided even if payment had not been made. (See 82225.)

  Recommended that they contact the attorney/firm providing services and discover costs through 6-30-88; file 461 to show as contribution; receiving committee show receipt of same value as of 6-30-88.